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Comments received by the IPC Staff from both producers and consumers since the last SIG(I) meeting suggest the need for some adjustments in the NIT process. Based on those comments, the IPC Staff has suggested the process be refined as shown in the attached sheet "Proposed NIT Schedule and Actions." This proposal is intended to make the NIT process more meaningful and less burdensome for both consumers and producers.

The effect of the adjustments to the process is to have two, rather than four, SIG(I) meetings a year; publication of a formal NIT list each summer with appropriate deletions during the year; identifying two categories of NITs—one requiring reporting

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within six months, the second within twelve months; and the identification within three months after the formal list comes out of significant data and resource gaps preventing complete responses. The IPC plans to include the proposed adjustments in the "recommendations" section of the report to SIG (I) principals. Before notifying the principals of the proposal, I would appreciate your views on the proposed refinements.



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Proposed NIT Schedule and Actions

Date	Action
1 May	Chairman, SIG(I) Committee on Intelligence Priorities requests principals to provide a list of the five most important questions that should be of priority concern to the Intelligence Community over the next year (e.g., July 83-July 1984) and an indication as to when a response to each is required.
15 June	SIG(I) Committee principals provide inputs requested by Chairman, SIG(I) Committee to IPC Staff for consolidation into a new list of NITs.
30 June	SIG(I) Committee on Intelligence Priorities meets to approve new list of NITs.
15 July	DDCI issues new NITs with a restatement of their purpose and an explanation of the categorization of the NITs in accordance with the time urgency of the consumer's need for intelligence support.
15 September	IPC Staff, based on inputs from producers, identifies for SIG(I) Committee principals those NIT questions on which available data is insufficient to enable the Community to prepare a responsive product in the near term.
15 January	SIG(I) Committee on Intelligence Priorities meets to discuss report on Intelligence Community's responsiveness to the NITs (Focus of report will be on Community production responses to Category A topics--questions requiring a Community response within six months).
1 May	Chairman, SIG(I) Committee on Intelligence Priorities

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disseminates to Committee principals a final progress report (Focus on Category B topics-- questions requiring a Community response within six to 12 months-- and a summary of NIT questions fully addressed in Community production) on the Community's responsiveness to the existing NITs and a request for new inputs for next issuance of NITs.

15 June

(See previous input)

30 June

(See previous input)

15 July

DDCI issuance of new NITs

SUBJECT: Proposed NIT Schedule and Actions

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